

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

NEWS RELEASE

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BOIL WATER ORDER ISSUED FOR TWO COUNTY AREAS

Residents of Kentwood and Pine Hills Communities Notified of Safety Concern

Water in two unincorporated areas of San Diego County may not be fit to drink the California Department of Health Services (CDHS) and the San Diego County Health Department (CHD) warn.

Residents of Kentwood and Pine Hills, (except Richardson Beardsley), advise residents to use boiled tap water or bottled water for drinking and cooking purposes as a safety precaution until further notice. Water should boil for one minute and allowed to cool before using.

An alternative method of purification for residents that do not have gas or electricity available is to use fresh liquid household bleach. To do so, add eight drops (¼ teaspoon) of bleach per gallon of clear water or 16 drops (1/2 teaspoon) per gallon of cloudy water, mix thoroughly and allow to stand for 30 minutes before using. A chlorine-like taste and odor are normal and an indiction that adequate disinfect ion has taken place. Water purification tablets are another option—follow manufacturers instructions.

Potable water is available at Richardson Beardsley and Julian Community Service District. For more information, contact CDHS at (619) 525-4159 or CHD at (858) 694-3718.

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